

A Resolution

NO. 4044-11-2011

CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF SINGLE-MEMBER CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fort Worth is composed of representatives elected from eight single-member districts as required by the voters through the electorate's approval of the current home-rule charter; and

WHEREAS, between 2000 and 2010, the population of the City of Fort Worth increased by 202,374 residents (or thirty-eight and six-tenths percent), according to the 2010 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the growth was not evenly distributed throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to redraw boundary lines for City Council districts to adjust for the growth and shifts in population among the districts in order to satisfy the One Person /One Vote mandate; and

WHEREAS, as established by Resolution 3998-06-2011, factors to be considered in drawing single-member district boundary lines include:

- establishing districts that are relatively equal in size;
- ensuring that geographically compact minority neighborhoods are not fragmented and that minority voters are not packed into districts so as to create liability under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act;
- ensuring that the plan is narrowly tailored to avoid retrogression in the position of racial and language minorities in accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act to respect their ability to participate in the electoral process;
- maintaining compact and contiguous districts;
- when appropriate, dividing districts by easily identifiable geographic districts;
- when appropriate, recognizing neighborhoods and communities of interest;
- when appropriate, establishing districts that include areas located both inside Loop 820 and outside Loop 820;
- when appropriate, establishing districts composed of whole census blocks and whole voting precincts; and



- preserving the incumbent/constituent relationship; and

WHEREAS, maintaining eight single-member City Council districts will result in approximately 92,846 residents in each district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that 92,846 residents per single-member district is a workable ratio between the City Council members and residents; and

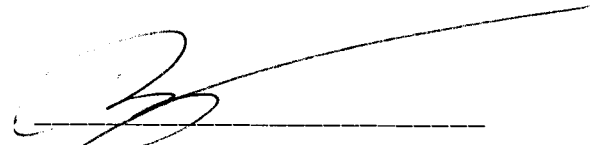
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that eight City Council representatives provide for efficient governance and meet the criteria set forth in Resolution 3998-06-2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

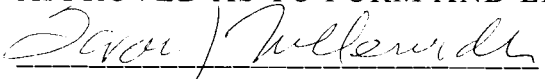
That the City of Fort Worth retain the current plan providing for eight single-member City Council districts and a Mayor elected at-large; and

That City staff is directed to commence preparations for Phase II of the redistricting process to draw a redistricting plan which complies with the United States Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, and all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence.

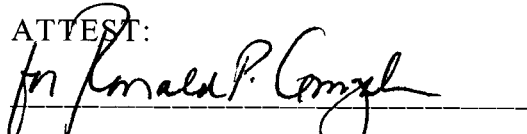
Adopted this 15th day of November, 2011.


Betsy Price, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


Sarah J. Eullenwider, City Attorney

ATTEST:


Marty Hendrix, City Secretary

